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2018-2019 Season



Welcome to the 2018-2019 season. The talented students and extraordinary faculty of the Lynn Conservatory of Music take this opportunity to share with you the beautiful world of music. Your ongoing support ensures our place among the premier conservatories of the world and a staple of our community.

- Jon Robertson, dean

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Axel Gonzalo Rojas Vallejos , cello
Master of Music Recital
Sheng-Yuan Kuan, piano
Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.
Amarnick-Goldstein Concert Hall
Boca Raton, Florida

Cello Sonata No.5, Op.102 No.2 **Ludwig van Beethoven**
Allegro con brio (1770 - 1827)
Adagio con molto sentimento d'affetto -- attacca:
Allegro -- Allegro fugato

Ave Maria (Tanti Anni Prima) **Astor Piazzolla**
(1921-1992)

Intermission

Suite for solo cello No. 2, Op. 80 **Benjamin Britten**
I. Declamato (1913 - 1976)
III. Scherzo
V. Ciaccona

Cello Sonata No.1, Op.38 **Johannes Brahms**
Allegro non troppo (1833 - 1897)
Allegretto quasi Menuetto & Trio
Allegro

Artist Biographies

Axel Rojas was born in Chile, and started playing the cello at age 11. He obtained a Bachelor of Music in 2014 at The Pontifical Catholic University of Chile where he studied with the distinguished professor Martin Osten. Axel has a rich and varied career as a soloist, chamber musician, orchestral musician, and teacher. Axel has performed chamber music and solos with orchestras throughout South and Central America, Europe, East Asia as well as in North America. Axel has made frequent national and international appearances as a chamber musician, and his versatility shows in performances of both traditional and contemporary repertoire. Additionally, he has participated in several summer festivals including Young National Symphony Orchestra of Chile (OSNJ), Latin American Festival of Chascomús (Argentina), International Music Academy of Solsona, AIMS Festival (Spain), Orchestra of the Americas (YOA), Zeist Music Days (Netherlands), and for four consecutive years across Schleswig Holstein Musik Festival, SHMF (Germany). Axel completed a Professional Performance Certificate at Lynn University in 2017 under the tutelage of David Cole. He has been very involved in multiple projects where he maintains his dedication as a teaching artist. He is currently teaching at The Conservatory School (North Palm Beach), Plumosa School of the Arts (Delray Beach), and the Preparatory School of Music at Lynn's Conservatory of Music (Boca Raton). Axel has been an active member playing with orchestras in Florida including Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra, Southwest Symphony Orchestra, and Sarasota Orchestra. Additionally, Axel has been selected to attend the Master of Music for the 2019-2020 Academic Calendar at the prestigious Rice University Shepherd School of Music in Houston.

Praised for her “admirable technical finesse and expressive flair” (Baltimore Sun), pianist **Sheng-Yuan Kuan** has garnered enthusiastic receptions for her solo and chamber music performances at the Kennedy Center, Weill Recital Hall, Taiwan National Concert Hall, Musikverein in Vienna, and various music festivals and concert series throughout the US. ShengYuan’s collaborations with renowned musicians such as Nobuko Imai, Stefan Jackiw, Stephen Taylor, Espen Lilleslatten, Richard Stolzman, Keng-Yuen Tseng, Chad Hoopes, members of the Parker Quartet and Apollo Trio, Sir Angel Romero, Time for Three, and Latin Grammy Award winning flautist Nestor Torres, reflect her passion in making chamber music of eclectic styles. Born in Taipei, Taiwan, Sheng-Yuan relocated to America to further her music education. She holds a D.M.A. degree from the Peabody Conservatory, M.M. degree from Yale School of Music, and B.M. degree from the Manhattan School of Music, studying with famous pedagogues like Boris Slutsky, Peter Frankl, Scott McCarrey and Constance Keene. She obtained awards at competitions worldwide, including the 13th Beethoven Piano Competition in Vienna (Best Female Pianist Award, 2009), the 12th Taipei Chopin International Piano Competition (3rd Prize, 2008), Corpus Christi International Competition in Texas (2nd Prize, 2008), New York Kosciuszko Chopin Piano Competition (3rd Prize, 2003), and BYUHawaii Concerto Competition (Winner, 2000). She was also the recipient of Honolulu Morning Music Club Scholarship, Peabody Institute of Music's Career Development Grant, Chamber Music Award and Accompanying Assistantship. Currently a resident in South Florida, Sheng-Yuan performs regularly as a member of Con Brio Ensemble, South Florida Chamber Ensemble, Scherzo Trio, A's Duo, and Femina Camera Trio. She serves as piano faculty at the Heifetz International Music Institute as well as staff collaborative pianist and adjunct keyboard instructor at Lynn University's Conservatory of Music in Boca Raton, FL.